

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method of providing an indication of a clear
2 channel in a wireless communication system comprising:

3 monitoring the channel for incoming data; and

4 providing a first indication when the channel is clear.

1 2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising providing
2 a second indication when the channel is busy.

3 3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising providing
4 a first indication by illuminating a first visual indicator.

5 4. The method of Claim 3, further comprising providing
6 a second indication by illuminating a second visual indicator.

7 5. The method of Claim 1, further comprising providing
8 a first indication by sounding an audible tone.

1 6. The method of Claim 1, further comprising providing
2 a first indication by vibrating.

3 7. A telephone comprising:

4 data detection circuitry which detects incoming traffic
5 on a channel; and

4 a first indicator which activates when the data detection
5 circuitry detects traffic.

1 8. The telephone of Claim 7, further comprising a
2 second indicator which activates when the data detection
3 circuitry does not detect traffic.

1 9. The telephone of Claim 7, wherein the first
2 indicator is a light emitting diode of a first color.

1 10. The telephone of Claim 9, wherein the second
indicator is a light emitting diode of a second color.

1 11. The telephone of Claim 7, wherein the first
indicator is an audible tone.

1 12. The telephone of Claim 7, wherein the first
indicator is a liquid crystal display.

1 13. The telephone of Claim 7, wherein the first
2 indicator vibrates upon activation.

1 14. The telephone of Claim 7, wherein the first
2 indicator sounds an audible tone upon activation.